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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

In his May 20, 1970 message to the Congress on the prevention of oil spills, the President stated that, "A large number of oil spills occur in waters close to our shores. Many of these spills result from willful violations of laws which limit the discharging of oil. Such spills can be reduced by more stringent surveillance procedures. All government agencies are being directed to instruct their vessel and aircraft commanders and other personnel to immediately report all oil spills to the Coast Guard."

Please ensure that this instruction is fully complied with by the personnel in your organization.

Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs



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